

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-26 remain in the application. Claims 1, 5, 14, 21, and 23 have been amended.

2. Claims 1-26 are not anticipated by Murai (US 5,592,307).

With reference to claim 1, Murai discloses a facsimile machine with a CPU that prevents certain modes from being displayed when a computer interface box is absent.

Murai fails to disclose or suggest that the image transfer device has a first type and a second type of an image transfer menu available for display, depending on whether a computer is connected or not, where the image transfer menu is for effecting transfer of the image between the image transfer device and another image transfer device.

In Murai, the modes affected by a computer connection are only associated with data transfer between the PC 4 and the fax machine 2. The fax machine is capable of determining if a computer interface box is connected, and if not, prevents certain modes from being displayed. The modes are: PC Only, where incoming faxes are directed to a PC or a buffer if the PC is busy; and, PC Priority, where incoming faxes are directed to the PC, or if the PC is busy, to a printer.

This is in contrast to the present invention, where the image transfer menu that is available, depending on whether a computer is connected, is for image transfer between the image transfer device and another image transfer device. In Murai, the fax machine modes that are affected by a computer interface connection are only related to transmitting fax information from

fax 2 to PC 4. They are not menus for image transfer between fax 4 and second fax 114.

At least for this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is not anticipated by Murai. Claims 2-4 and 7-13 depend from claim 1 and therefore are also not anticipated by Murai.

Claim 5, as amended, is not anticipated by Murai.

There is no disclosure in Murai related to a second type of image transfer menu to be displayed when connected to a computer, where at least a portion of the second type of menu is stored in the computer.

Applicants respectfully submit that in Murai, all display data for the facsimile machine is stored within the facsimile machine itself. While the CPU senses the absence of the computer interface box and prevents computer modes from being displayed, those modes are all stored in the facsimile machine, not the computer. There is no disclosure in Murai related to a second type of image transfer menu to be displayed when connected to a computer, where at least a portion of the second type of menu is stored in the computer.

At least for these reasons, claim 5 is not anticipated by Murai.

Claim 23 is directed to similar subject matter and therefore is also not anticipated by Murai. Claims 6 and 24 depend from claims 5 and 23, respectively, and are also not anticipated by Murai.

Murai does not anticipate claim 14 as amended.

Murai fails to disclose a first menu displayed when a computer is not connected and a second menu displayed when a computer is

connected, where the second menu includes at least one feature of the first menu and extended features in comparison to the first menu.

In Murai, a user pushes a button to scroll among at least three displayed operating modes: Record Sheet Output; PC Only; and, PC Priority. One of the modes is displayed, and by pressing the button again, another mode is displayed. The three modes are not menus, but are simply selections that are displayed one at a time. The displayed mode does not allow for the display of any other associated features, and does not allow for any further selection within the mode. When a computer is connected, the PC Only and PC Priority modes are prevented from being displayed.

There is no disclosure of a second menu that is displayed when a computer is connected, which includes a feature of another menu that is displayed when the computer is not connected. Murai simply discloses three modes, two of which are prevented from being displayed when a computer is not connected.

At least for these reasons, Applicants submit that claim 14 is not anticipated by Murai. Claim 21 is directed to similar subject matter and is therefore patentable over Murai for the same reasons. Claims 15-18, 22, 25, and 26 depend from claims 14 or 21 and therefore are also not anticipated by Murai.

Claim 19 is also not anticipated by Murai.

Claim 19 recites a method for transferring information from a first medium including providing an image transfer device having a scanner and using the scanner to read an image on the first medium.

Significantly, the method includes automatically uploading electronic data to the transfer device from a computer, automatically merging the electronic data with the read image, and transferring the merged image to a second medium.

There is no disclosure in Murai related to using a scanner of an image transfer device to read an image from a first media, uploading data from a computer, and merging the uploaded data with the image. Furthermore, there is no disclosure related to transferring the merged image to a second media.

Murai discloses transferring fax information from a computer to a first fax machine for transmission to another fax machine, and using the first fax machine to receive information from the other fax machine and transfer it to the computer. However, there is no disclosure related to scanning an image and merging it with data received from the computer. In addition, there is no disclosure related to transferring the merged image to another media.


At least for these reasons, Murai does not anticipate claim 19.

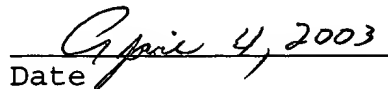
Claim 20 depends from claim 19, and therefore is also not anticipated by Murai.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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